

PEACE AT LAST

Signatures of America and Spain Affixed to the Protocol.

Act Officially Performed at the White House at 4:23 P. M. To-Day.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Secretary Day and Ambassador Cambon joined the President at the White House at 3:55 to sign the protocol.

The peace protocol was signed at 4:23 p. m.

A STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—An official statement for press publication, setting out the provisions of the peace protocol, was read and approved at the cabinet session today. It was prepared by Secretary Day, the purpose being to make it public immediately after the required signatures are affixed to the protocol. It does not give the text of the document, but details its main points and provisions. The protocol in general is a reiteration of the terms of the note given Spain with a very little difference in language, though with considerable supplementary paragraphs of an administrative nature. The most substantial difference is in regard to the evacuation of captured territory. The note, as handed to Cambon, called for the immediate evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico, while the protocol leaves the time for the evacuation to be subsequently determined upon, the design being to have the date of withdrawal left to be fixed by a joint military commission of the United States and Spain. The portion of the protocol supplementary to what is embodied in the note relates principally to the manner of the execution of the provisions of the protocol.

The protocol provides for two commissions; first, a peace commission, which will meet at Paris; second, a military commission, which will meet in Havana province within fifteen days. The military commission is to be created immediately on signing the protocol. Its duties will be of great importance. It will settle the details of the evacuation of the Spanish army from the West Indies, and will decide all questions relative to the removal of submarine mines, the immediate relinquishment to the United States of fortresses at Havana, San Juan and other points, and the transfer of the possession of Manila city itself.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Picked Up at the Union Depot and Around the Shops.

Conductor Charles Webb has returned to his run between Quincy and Decatur. Nick Burns, who has been on this run, gets his old run back on the Pittsfield branch today, with an entirely new train, the baggage and passenger cars being just out of the shops yesterday.

The interlocking switch being put in at Tolono is about completed. It is the intention of the Wabash to cut this stop out for the Continental Limited when the interlocker is completed.

A new track torpedo has appeared. Considerable trouble has been experienced heretofore in cases of wrecks to determine just where the torpedo had been placed on the track. The new torpedo after exploding, leaves a bright red stain on the rail, enabling officials to determine its exact location.

Trainmaster Campbell of the Vandalia Line is in Peoria today.

T. M. Stram, Wabash bridge foreman, is in the city today.

The Wabash is increasing its shop facilities by the erection of a large east house 70 feet long by 30 wide.

W. E. Nichols left this morning for St. Louis to remove his family to Decatur.

Mr. Nichols has lately taken a position in the Wabash machine department.

R. A. Henson of the Wabash shop force has returned to work after a week's sickness.

Wabash ticket agent, C. A. Pollock, and wife left this morning for Chicago to be gone several days.

The Vandalia shops at Terre Haute are building 36 cars, 80,000 pounds capacity, for the Peoria division, to accommodate the Glucose trade out of Peoria.

H. H. Wallman, purchasing agent of the Wabash, accompanied by Mrs. Wallman, passed through the city last night on an extended trip east.

ANTI-HORSE THIEF LEAGUE

Will Picnic at Edinburg To-Morrow—Addresses by Mills and Caldwell.

Hon. I. R. Mills and Hon. B. F. Caldwell are expected to deliver addresses at the meeting of the farmers' association known as the Anti-Horse Thief Association of Christian county, which will be held in a grove near Edinburg tomorrow. Attorney J. M. Gray, the candidate for the legislature, will also attend. The picnic will be non-partisan and the chief discussions will be confined to topics relating to a warfare against persons who would ride off on his neighbor's horse without the full consent of the neighbor. The political candidates will not doubt be able to give some valuable pointers on the running in of dark horses.

Is Crime Contagious?

Just what particular condition of circumstances bring about an epidemic of burglary has never yet been satisfactorily figured out. Sociologists who have given the subject profound study admit that in all cases when one burglary is committed a number follow at once. This is true of all records of crime; one murder will be followed by the report of several others and in many cases the method employed by the murderer in ending the life of his victim is the same as the one used by the first murderer. Solitids follow along the same lines. Whether the first crime excites others or the general conditions which have brought the one person to the point of desperation has also affected the others in a similar manner is not fully determined. The cases of burglary in Decatur in the past ten days have had effect along one line which is no doubt due to natural conditions. Every household has taken extra precautions to secure the fastening of its doors and windows and the locksmiths are enjoying a small tidal wave of prosperity as a result.

Introducing Chewing Gum.

A new movement has been instituted in the city in the past few days by the agents of the "Soda Mint" chewing gum. This movement is popularly known as the "chewing movement," and hundreds of people, men, women and children of the city, have become members of the organization. The movement is particularly vigorous among the people of the business portion of the city and the fair young women clerks and typewriter girls and the girl who patronizes the soda fountain are its most earnest supporters. The new Soda Mint gum has been distributed in liberal packages over the city and to induce a fair trial of the supposed superior qualities of the gum the manufacturers are offering prizes ranging from a \$200 diamond ring to a bicycle lamp to the person or persons who send them letters of the alphabet sufficient to spell a certain number of words. The letters are found in the wrapper of the gum, one letter on each wrapper.

Steele Improving.

Charles Steele has so far recovered from his recent accident as to be able to sit up in a chair a part of today. He is yet very weak and will be confined to his home for several days.

William Grubb of the Linn & Sprague Dry Goods and Carpet company left today for Harbor Springs, Mich., where he will spend two weeks.

Mrs. E. A. Henley of Clayton is in the city visiting Mrs. M. Datch.

Mrs. Walter Simpson is ill at her home, No. 241 South Main street.

Miss Alice Culp will leave this evening for Chicago, where she will remain for some time.

A telephone of the Central Union company has been put in the office of the county physician. The number is 1684.

Some Bargains in

SILKS...

BRADLEY BROS.

Have secured a lot of Silks direct from the manufacturers and offer them at low prices this week.

Black Brocade Silk at 39c yard.

20 pieces of Choice Gros Grain Brocade Silks at 58c yard.

10 pieces of Choice patterns Brocade Silks at 65c yard.

One lot of Fancy Summer Silks, regular \$1.00 quality, at 45c.

Finest grade of Printed Summer Silks at 59c yard.

Handsome line of New Fall Silks at 85c and 95c yard.

Mail Orders Promptly Filled—Write for Samples.

Bradley Bros
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY
Decatur Ill.

MET DEATH

AT YOKOHOMA

VICTORIA, B. C., August 12.—The steamer Victoria brings news of an accident in Yokohama harbor whereby two missionaries of the American mission board, the Misses Simmons and Allen, lost their lives. They were out in a launch and were run into by a Chinese junk and killed by the bowsprit.

800 Fed.

More than 800 people were served by the ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at their chicken fry given at Shady Grove last evening. A large number of these people were from Decatur. The Sunday school orchestra played in the church early during the evening and the affair was one of the most successful and well managed of the many which have been given this season.

Will Go to Winona.

Dr. and Mrs. Penhalligon have been spending the past ten days at St. Joseph, Mich. They will go the first of the week to Winona where Dr. Penhalligon will attend the course of Bible studies given by Dr. Chapman at the Winona assembly. Dr. Penhalligon will deliver a lecture at the Central Illinois assembly on August 23 and will conduct services both night and morning at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, August 31.

Children's Party.

Mrs. John Grindol of 1755 North Main street is entertaining a party of children this afternoon in honor of her little niece, Maudie Hughes of Danville.

The first nugget of California gold discovered weighed 43 pounds.

OF ELEPHANT HIDE.

A Balloon Invented by an Oregon Man Will Be Tested by Army Experts.

One unpleasantness with young Alfonso's taxpayers has brought forth another invention of a Yankee, says the Pittsburgh Times, and the war department may utilize it in the present war. It is a balloon constructed of thoroughly up-to-date lines, and its inventor, H. M. Kennedy, told of it at the Monongahela house last night.

"For three years," he said, "I have been working on the idea, and have spent over \$10,000 in perfecting my plans. A few weeks ago I completed everything, and the balloon was brought to the notice of the war department by ex-Congressman Simpson. It is constructed of the skin of four elephants, is 25 feet in height, 18 feet in diameter and 25 feet in circumference. The car is of aluminum, 15 by 15 feet, with sides five feet high. The sides can be folded at pleasure. The balloon is capable of carrying 2,000 pounds with ease, and I have no doubt it will carry 500 pounds additional could be added without risk. In inflating the balloon I propose to use a new gas called 'heloid' gas, which I believe to be better than that ordinarily used. Tests have shown that the entire balloon is practicable, and that its structure is of the most durable quality."

The balloon has been forwarded to Washington. It is understood, where it will be tested in a short time by army experts.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Alice Robinson left this afternoon for Buffalo, N. Y., where she will visit relatives for three weeks.

—J. E. Hanta left this morning for Springfield, where he takes a position on the street car lines.

—Mrs. J. McAvoy and Mrs. J. Russell and family are visiting friends at Wapella over Sunday.

—A. F. Barley is making a business visit to Springfield today.

—Roy L. Field left at noon for Arrowmith, Ill., where he presides at the quarterly meeting of the U. B. church.

—John Lockman, representing the Globe-Democrat, is in the city.

—Mrs. Spear of Aurora has returned to her home after a visit with Mrs. George Thompson of West Macon street.

—Miss Bonnie Hutenspillar will go to Chicago tomorrow for a visit with Mrs. Maudie Barnes-Ellis.

—Miss Margaret Haines will return to her home in Chicago on Monday. She has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. I. A. Buckingham for the past three weeks.

—Dr. O. T. Eady will leave tomorrow for a stay of ten days at Lakewood.

W. E. White has resigned his position at Akers & Sanford to enter the employ of W. H. Henshaw at Blue Mound.

—Dr. Frank Swearington is making a business call at Tuscola today.

—Stas Packard was at Lintner today on business.

—H. C. Anthony and Joe Yaeger are fishing for a few days at rock dam, south of Harriestown.

—Mrs. C. C. Hill is attending the Holiness Camp meeting at Springfield.

—Mrs. D. L. Barnett and Mrs. L. Field, who have been visiting at Shelbyville, returned home today.

—The Misses Emily and Vessie Reames of Carlisle, Pa., who have been the guests of Mrs. John B. Freeman for the past two weeks, will go to Chicago tomorrow for a visit with friends.

—Among the Chicago excursionists tomorrow will be Mrs. Charles Wolfel and children, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Gile and Mrs. Emma Darling.

—Mrs. Jessie Dowd will leave tomorrow for a visit of two months with friends in Michigan.

Sales of Real Estate.

Anna P. Barth to Hattie B. Heath, lot 12 in block 6 of Crowder and Cornwell's addition of out lots to Decatur; \$1.

H. T. Thompson to Anna P. Barth, three north half of the west half of lot 5 in block 1 of V. Barber's survey of a part of V. Barber's subdivision of the south part of the southeast quarter of 3, 10, 2 east; \$1.

Funeral of Lizzie Love.

The funeral of the late Lizzie Love, who died at Springfield, was held this afternoon at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Love, on East Clay street. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Suit Filed.

In the circuit court today the prople for the suit of Minnie Cokenewer vs. Nimrod Neaves was filed. It is an assumption suit and the damages are named at \$20,000.

VEECH WON OUT

In His Damage Suit Against the Wabash Railroad—Allowed \$60.

Justice O'Mara has rendered his decision in the damage suit of John T. Veech vs. The Wabash Railroad company in favor of the plaintiff. Mr. Veech shipped a horse from St. Louis to Decatur. His claim was that the horse got down in the car and that the railroad was notified but refused to have the car moved to the place where the horse could be unloaded. The horse's eye was knocked out and the animal sold for very little when put up for auction. As a result Mr. Veech brought suit against the company for \$100 damages, the value of the horse. Attorney Hugh Oren represented the railroad company and Attorney Marshall Griffin represented the plaintiff. Justice O'Mara gave Mr. Veech judgment for \$60.

S. S. Convention.

The Harriestown township Sunday school convention will be held on Sunday, August 14, at the Christian church at Harriestown. The program will be as follows:

Devotional—J. R. Howson.
How to Secure a Better Preparation of the Sunday School Lesson on the part of the Scholars—Rev. W. A. Reynolds.
The Proper Use of Sunday School Helps—Rev. C. F. McKown.
The Qualifications of a Good Superintendent—Rev. L. T. Faulkner.
Question Drawer—P. P. Laughlin.
Business Session.
Evening Session, 7:45 p. m.
Devotional—Rev. L. T. Faulkner.
Address—A. H. Mills.
Prof. S. M. Letz will have charge of the music.
J. B. Camp, President; Frank Howson, Secretary.

Took In \$220.

The ladies of the aid society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church who gave a chicken fry last evening at Shady Grove church took in about \$220. The ladies wish to thank the people for their patronage and also to thank those who assisted them in serving the supper.

William Holland went to Mechanicsburg this morning to look after the cooking for the big camp meeting in progress there for the next two weeks.

Entertained.

Last evening Miss Gertrude Kover entertained a number of her friends at her home, 1038 East Eldorado street. The young people enjoyed supper, cards and dancing.

Prof. Soldan Will Return.

Prof. Soldan, who has been in Europe for some time past, is expected to return to Decatur in about two weeks and will remain here for the winter.

LOST—A four-year old boy's navy blue cloth coat, tan sailor collar with brass. Finder please return to Lutz's music store and receive reward. 12-109

WANTED—A girl for housework at \$22 West Mason street. 12-109

IF TEN CENTS

Is a little steep—try the—

Chanson

A STRAIGHT FIVE.

Nothing made better, sold or smoked in Decatur for the price.

WOULD BE A SAILOR.

Bert Rundell, a Company H Boy, Thinks the Navy is All Right.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rundell of this city have received a letter from their son, Bert Rundell, who is a member of Company H, 5th regiment and is now at Newport News, Va., with the regiment. He describes his trip from Chickamauga to Newport News as being delightful. The railroad passes through the rice and cotton districts and the boys had an opportunity to see much that they had never seen before. He writes as follows:

"We stopped several times for coffee and the people fairly loaded us down with fruit, cake, flowers and tobacco, but the southern people are so slow. They all thought that we were just getting back from China and when we told them we were going they wanted to know if the war had broken out again. We are a little farther north now and the people seem more civilized and we felt more at home than we did in the south. We are camping in a lovely place right out on the beach just about 25 yards from the water's edge. It is very easy to keep things clean. We go bathing twice a day and most of the regiment goes in at the same time. About 200 yards from the camp the oyster beds begin. I get all the oysters I could carry but they are not good to eat this time of year. I have caught crabs by the dozen and we have devilled crab nearly every meal. The ship Minneapolis lays about two miles from the shore. Sunday five of us boys rowed out to see the ship and the sailor explained the whole shooting match to us. We are also near the Unit-

ed States navy yard where the Illinois is being constructed. It is in dry dock. It looks bigger than the Powers building when you stand under it. In short I am having the time of my life.

"We sail for Porto Rico tomorrow morning on the transport Ogdan, the largest and best transport in the service. It is the only one that will carry a whole regiment and its equipments. We are told that we won't have to fight at all but will do garrison duty in the captured cities. I don't think there will be any fighting at all any more, but I don't expect I will see home before two years. I will be a man then and after the way I have seen the sailors treated I will be a sailor. There are some of them in our camp all the time and some of them from Illinois. They have no use for the regulars but think the volunteer army is all right, and will do anything for us. They take us boat riding and show us all the ships.

Last Executive Meeting.

The executive committee of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church will hold the last executive meeting of the year on next Monday evening. The yearly reports will be made and the report of the nominating committee heard. On Monday, August 22, the members of the society will elect officers and give their annual yearly outing.

Services at Westminster.

Rev. Pomroy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Virdon, Ill., will conduct services at Westminster chapel on Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

—Mrs. H. W. Downing and daughter, Miss Fleta, will go to Chicago tomorrow morning. Mrs. Downing will remain for a visit of three weeks with Mr. John Timoney.

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and you'll get your money's worth. The 10-cent piece of BattleAx is larger than the 10-cent piece of any other brand of the same high quality and is the largest piece of really good chewing tobacco that is sold for 10 cents.

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A BRAVE OFFICER

Watchman Schultze Captures a Much-Wanted Burglar at the Risk of His Life.

Charles Johnson in Jail--Stolen Property from Ehrman and Johnson Residences Recovered--Prisoner a Chicago Negro.

The man who is beyond a doubt guilty of the burglary of the Ehrman and Johnson residences and other robberies which have been committed in this city lately is at last in custody and some stolen property has been recovered. He is a big, burly negro who gives his name as Charles Johnson and he resists safely behind the bars of the Macon county jail. Officer Schultze, the night watchman in the west end, captured him last night while he was actually in the act of robbing the residence of Miss Lillian Irwin on West Decatur street. Not only has the burglar been caught but considerable property which has been stolen lately was recovered. The diamonds and other jewelry taken from the residence of I. W. Ehrman and a watch taken from Hiram Johnson were found.

MADE A GOOD CATCH.

The capture made by Officer Schultze was a good one. The officer not only caught the robber red handed but he did it alone and risked his life in making the arrest. The wonder is that the robber was not armed with a knife or a gun and that he did not injure the police officer.

SAW A LIGHT.

Officer Schultze was passing through the alley north of the residence of Attorney A. H. Mills, 850 West Decatur street. He saw someone strike a light at the back of Mr. Mills' house and when he investigated the matter he saw that a man was attempting to get in the house. The burglar gave up the Mills residence and then went next door to the home of Miss Lillian Irwin. He managed to get into the cellar. Schultze looked in the cellar window and saw the man strike a light. The officer yelled to him to give himself up or he would shoot, but the burglar made for the back way and got out. Schultze was on hand at the back of the house and as the man ran he fired on him. He did not hit the man, but he grabbed the burglar. The negro made a little tussle and managed to slip out of his coat and then Schultze got him around the neck and closed in on him. The negro is a stout looking man, but Schultze, as everyone knows, is a somewhat stout man himself and when he closes his arms around a man's neck the victim has about as much chance of getting away as if he was in the clutches of a Rocky Mountain bear. The burglar squealed and wriggled, but it was all to no purpose for Schultze just kept on holding him.

CALLED THE PATROL.

Some of the members of the Mills family heard the loud talking and Mr. Mills himself was awakened when the shot was fired. He looked out to investigate the trouble and Schultze called to him to send for the patrol. Mr. Mills telephoned at once and the wagon went out and the man was brought back to the police station. He said last night that his name was Charles Johnson, that he had no home but came here from Chicago and that he did not know in which state he was born. The burglary occurred between 12 and 1 o'clock.

TOOK A DRINK.

In the Irwin residence was a small flask of whiskey which Mrs. Allen Anman, who keeps house for Miss Irwin, had laid aside for medicinal purposes. The burglar found the flask and poured some of it out. He added sugar and made himself a little toddy which he drank. He then left the flask up against the fence between the Irwin and Mills residences. The man did not get much in the Irwin residence before he was captured. He took a piece of watermelon and found some small change before he attempted to escape. He had broken into the house, however, and that is enough to convict him.

DIAMONDS FOUND.

The capture of Johnson brought about the finding of the diamonds lost by I. W. Ehrman and a number of other valuables. This morning Mr. Mills found near the house a small pocketbook. It contained a heavy gold ring, a small gold baby chain and a number of railroad bond coupons. On the inside of the pocketbook was written in ink the name McKone, and on the inside of the ring was engraved the name "C. E. McKone." There is no family of that name given in the city directory and it is believed that the man stole the stuff somewhere else. The coupons were ones which had been on bonds of the Sanderson, Leonard and St. Louis railroad. There were 16 semi-annual interest coupons, the face value of each being \$85, dating from 1880 to 1904.

The police recall an arrest that they made during the Green's tournament. A well appearing man from out of the city came to headquarters. He said he had been drunk and that he had lost or been robbed of a pocketbook. He claims that among other things it contained some railroad bond coupons and it is thought possible that the coupons found are the same that the man lost, or that the negro stole them from him.

ANOTHER FIND.

Another pocketbook was found this morning by Mrs. Anman on the spot where the robber and the officer had been struggling, and it undoubtedly fell from Johnson's pocket. It was a similar purse to the one found by Mr. Mills and it contained some valuable jewelry. There were a pair of diamond earrings, two gold chains, one long and a shorter watch chain. It was thought that the diamonds were the ones which Mr. Ehrman lost in the robbery of last Sunday. Mr. Ehrman was sent for and he identified the diamonds and the long gold chain as being his, and the shorter chain proved to be the one which was stolen from Hiram Johnson's residence as it was identified by both Mr. Johnson and also Mr. Post, the jeweler from whom it was purchased.

The robber had some other stuff in his pocket, among which was a watch case which had been taken from the Ehrman residence.

IN THE SWEAT BOX.

Marshal Mason took the robber into his office this morning and put him through an inquisition. The negro is a very shrewd man and he did not tell anything he didn't want to. He absolutely refused to talk about the robbery of last night but he did fall down on one thing which gave him away. He was first asked about the diamonds and he said that he purchased them from a peddler. A little while afterward he said that he could account for all the stuff that was found in his pocket, but that the watch chains and other stuff in the pocketbooks he knew nothing about. The diamonds were in one of the purses and he had said that he bought the diamonds, so he practically admitted that the other articles in the purses had been in his possession. There are a number of articles of jewelry which are still missing and Marshal Mason told the man if he would tell what he had done with the rest of the stuff the judge might be a little easier with him. The man said that the judge had nothing to do with it. The law laid down what his punishment should be and the judge could give him no more nor to lose. All the way through the interview with the chief he showed that he was onto his game. Marshal Mason is of the opinion that the man is a professional thief and an old hand at the business.

Johnson is a rather black negro and has a small mustache. He is a little over the ordinary in height and is of a heavy build.

AT FRED GIVEN'S HOUSE.

An attempt was made some time last night to burglarize the residence of J. F. Given on Powers lane. Mr. Given heard someone at the bathroom window and later Officer Schultze came to the house and found Mr. Given's bicycle out in front of the house. An investigation by the officer and Mr. Given proved that someone had taken the bicycle from a place under the porch where it is kept and had evidently brought it out in front with the intention of going through the house and then making a hurried escape. It is thought possible that the man at Mr. Given's house was a pal of Johnson, who was arrested.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its never rest, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking that dose that she slept all night, and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles 10c at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

The Wabash city ticket office will be open Friday and Saturday nights for sale of Chicago \$2 excursion tickets.

To Consumptives.

As an honest remedy, Foley's Honey and Tar does not hold out false hopes in advanced stages, but truthfully claims to give comfort and relief in the very worst cases, and in the early stages to effect a cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Get your Chicago excursion tickets at the Wabash city ticket office Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets are also on sale all day Saturday.

Wanted.—Manufacturer of Newly Patented Staple Article, wants manager; also salesman for southern Illinois. Personal security required. Address C. E. W., Republican office.—12-17

Mrs. Mary Augustine will leave tomorrow to attend the meeting of the Chautauque Assembly at Petersburg. Mrs. Augustine is a graduate of the class of 1892.

Dr. Elias E. McClelland will spend Sunday with friends at Beason.

Electric omnibuses now ply between the French cities Milan and Meaux.

CITY IN DARKNESS

But Electric Lights Will Shine To-Morrow Night

THE TWO NEW DYNAMOS

Will by That Time be Ready to Do the Lighting of the City—Working Hard to Get Things Ready.

For the past two nights the city has been wrapped in darkness and the same will be the case tonight, but by tomorrow evening the city electric lighting plant will be ready for operation and the arc lights will again burn. The cause of the darkness is the fact that new dynamos are being put in place. If the people didn't appreciate the electric lights when they had them they most certainly will feel the good of them now that they have had several nights of darkness. The difference can scarcely be realized until it is experienced.

It was absolutely necessary to leave the city in darkness for a few nights in order to take out the old dynamos and put in the new ones. Recently the city purchased two dynamos of a capacity of 125 lights each. They were purchased from the Western Electric company at a cost of \$8800. The old machines were traded in for \$1000, so that the new machinery costs the city but \$7800. The two machines have a capacity together of 250 lights, while formerly with the old machinery the city only had a capacity of 150 lights.

O. E. Smith, a representative of the electric company, is here helping City Electrician Leon Sullivan put in the dynamo. The foundation was completed yesterday and today the new machines were placed on the foundations. The second one was placed this forenoon, but there is yet a good deal of work to do in the way of making connections and getting everything properly adjusted. The men are working as hard as they possibly can to get everything ready but it will be impossible to have the lights burning until tomorrow night. If no accidents happen everything will be in order by that time and then the city will be better prepared than ever before for furnishing electric lights.

CALDWELL TO MILLS.

Letter of the Democratic Nominee to the Next Congressman.

Springfield, Ill., August 11, 1898.
Hon. I. J. Mills, Decatur, Ill.:
Dear Sir: Your favor of the 9th inst. is received, and I am pleased to know that my second request has drawn from you an answer to the propositions submitted by me to you on August 2 for answer to the voters of this district for consideration.

Your answer to the proposition referred to above while it is very voluminous, does not give the definite determination, unequivocal answer to my short propositions and unequivocal stand thereon which I had hoped for, and which I believe the honest, fair minded, intelligent voters of this district are entitled to and demand.

On the proposition above mentioned and my stand thereon, and your answer thereto, to which I propose to give all the publicity possible, I propose to go before the voters of the district for election. Having to the extent of my best efforts located you as far as you are locatable on questions which I deem of the utmost consequence, I am of the opinion that the voters of this district would be no better informed in regard to your political views by discussing with you the five technically worded propositions in your favor above referred to.

I suggest, however, that I have received an invitation to attend a picnic at Belknap, Logan county, in this congressional district, on September 5, to which the writer of the invitation informs me you also, have been invited.

Hon. James A. Connolly, Republican nominee for congress, and myself, as the Democratic nominee for congress in this district, were, in 1896, invited to be present and billed to speak at a small gathering at the same place, and from the above fact I infer that on the occasion of September 5 a discussion of the political questions of this campaign will be both permitted and expected.

I have accepted this invitation and on that occasion will be present and discuss these questions. Very respectfully,
HEN. F. CALDWELL.

MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY B. Z. TAYLOR.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 12.

Wheat—	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close.	Yest- erday.
Sept.	67 1/2	67 3/4	66 3/4	67 1/4	67 1/4
Oct.	65 1/2	65 3/4	64 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/4
Nov.	64 1/2	64 3/4	63 3/4	64 1/4	64 1/4
Dec.	63 1/2	63 3/4	62 3/4	63 1/4	63 1/4
Jan.	62 1/2	62 3/4	61 3/4	62 1/4	62 1/4
Feb.	61 1/2	61 3/4	60 3/4	61 1/4	61 1/4
Mar.	60 1/2	60 3/4	59 3/4	60 1/4	60 1/4
Apr.	59 1/2	59 3/4	58 3/4	59 1/4	59 1/4
May	58 1/2	58 3/4	57 3/4	58 1/4	58 1/4
June	57 1/2	57 3/4	56 3/4	57 1/4	57 1/4
July	56 1/2	56 3/4	55 3/4	56 1/4	56 1/4
Aug.	55 1/2	55 3/4	54 3/4	55 1/4	55 1/4
Sept.	54 1/2	54 3/4	53 3/4	54 1/4	54 1/4
Oct.	53 1/2	53 3/4	52 3/4	53 1/4	53 1/4
Nov.	52 1/2	52 3/4	51 3/4	52 1/4	52 1/4
Dec.	51 1/2	51 3/4	50 3/4	51 1/4	51 1/4
Jan.	50 1/2	50 3/4	49 3/4	50 1/4	50 1/4
Feb.	49 1/2	49 3/4	48 3/4	49 1/4	49 1/4
Mar.	48 1/2	48 3/4	47 3/4	48 1/4	48 1/4
Apr.	47 1/2	47 3/4	46 3/4	47 1/4	47 1/4
May	46 1/2	46 3/4	45 3/4	46 1/4	46 1/4
June	45 1/2	45 3/4	44 3/4	45 1/4	45 1/4
July	44 1/2	44 3/4	43 3/4	44 1/4	44 1/4
Aug.	43 1/2	43 3/4	42 3/4	43 1/4	43 1/4
Sept.	42 1/2	42 3/4	41 3/4	42 1/4	42 1/4
Oct.	41 1/2	41 3/4	40 3/4	41 1/4	41 1/4
Nov.	40 1/2	40 3/4	39 3/4	40 1/4	40 1/4
Dec.	39 1/2	39 3/4	38 3/4	39 1/4	39 1/4
Jan.	38 1/2	38 3/4	37 3/4	38 1/4	38 1/4
Feb.	37 1/2	37 3/4	36 3/4	37 1/4	37 1/4
Mar.	36 1/2	36 3/4	35 3/4	36 1/4	36 1/4
Apr.	35 1/2	35 3/4	34 3/4	35 1/4	35 1/4
May	34 1/2	34 3/4	33 3/4	34 1/4	34 1/4
June	33 1/2	33 3/4	32 3/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
July	32 1/2	32 3/4	31 3/4	32 1/4	32 1/4
Aug.	31 1/2	31 3/4	30 3/4	31 1/4	31 1/4
Sept.	30 1/2	30 3/4	29 3/4	30 1/4	30 1/4
Oct.	29 1/2	29 3/4	28 3/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
Nov.	28 1/2	28 3/4	27 3/4	28 1/4	28 1/4
Dec.	27 1/2	27 3/4	26 3/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
Jan.	26 1/2	26 3/4	25 3/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
Feb.	25 1/2	25 3/4	24 3/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
Mar.	24 1/2	24 3/4	23 3/4	24 1/4	24 1/4
Apr.	23 1/2	23 3/4	22 3/4	23 1/4	23 1/4
May	22 1/2	22 3/4	21 3/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
June	21 1/2	21 3/4	20 3/4	21 1/4	21 1/4
July	20 1/2	20 3/4	19 3/4	20 1/4	20 1/4
Aug.	19 1/2	19 3/4	18 3/4	19 1/4	19 1/4
Sept.	18 1/2	18 3/4	17 3/4	18 1/4	18 1/4
Oct.	17 1/2	17 3/4	16 3/4	17 1/4	17 1/4
Nov.	16 1/2	16 3/4	15 3/4	16 1/4	16 1/4
Dec.	15 1/2	15 3/4	14 3/4	15 1/4	15 1/4
Jan.	14 1/2	14 3/4	13 3/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
Feb.	13 1/2	13 3/4	12 3/4	13 1/4	13 1/4
Mar.	12 1/2	12 3/4	11 3/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
Apr.	11 1/2	11 3/4	10 3/4	11 1/4	11 1/4
May	10 1/2	10 3/4	9 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/4
June	9 1/2	9 3/4	8 3/4	9 1/4	9 1/4
July	8 1/2	8 3/4	7 3/4	8 1/4	8 1/4
Aug.	7 1/2	7 3/4	6 3/4	7 1/4	7 1/4
Sept.	6 1/2	6 3/4	5 3/4	6 1/4	6 1/4
Oct.	5 1/2	5 3/4	4 3/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Nov.	4 1/2	4 3/4	3 3/4	4 1/4	4 1/4
Dec.	3 1/2	3 3/4	2 3/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
Jan.	2 1/2	2 3/4	1 3/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
Feb.	1 1/2	1 3/4	0 3/4	1 1/4	1 1/4
Mar.	0 1/2	0 3/4	- 3/4	0 1/4	0 1/4
Apr.	- 1/2	- 3/4	- 1 3/4	- 1 1/4	- 1 1/4
May	- 1 1/2	- 1 3/4	- 2 3/4	- 2 1/4	- 2 1/4
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July	- 3 1/2	- 3 3/4	- 4 3/4	- 4 1/4	- 4 1/4
Aug.	- 4 1/2	- 4 3/4	- 5 3/4	- 5 1/4	- 5 1/4
Sept.	- 5 1/2	- 5 3/4	- 6 3/4	- 6 1/4	- 6 1/4
Oct.	- 6 1/2	- 6 3/4	- 7 3/4	- 7 1/4	- 7 1/4
Nov.	- 7 1/2	- 7 3/4	- 8 3/4	- 8 1/4	- 8 1/4
Dec.	- 8 1/2	- 8 3/4	- 9 3/4	- 9 1/4	- 9 1/4
Jan.	- 9 1/2	- 9 3/4	- 10 3/4	- 10 1/4	- 10 1/4
Feb.	- 10 1/2	- 10 3/4	- 11 3/4	- 11 1/4	- 11 1/4
Mar.	- 11 1/2	- 11 3/4	- 12 3/4	- 12 1/4	- 12 1/4
Apr.	- 12 1/2	- 12 3/4	- 13 3/4	- 13 1/4	- 13 1/4
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June	- 14 1/2	- 14 3/4	- 15 3/4	- 15 1/4	- 15 1/4
July	- 15 1/2	- 15 3/4	- 16 3/4	- 16 1/4	- 16 1/4
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Nov.	- 19 1/2	- 19 3/4	- 20 3/4	- 20 1/4	- 20 1/4
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Jan.	- 33 1/2	- 33 3/4	- 34 3/4	- 34 1/4	- 34 1/4
Feb.	- 34 1/2	- 34 3/4	- 35 3/4	- 35 1/4	- 35 1/4
Mar.	- 35 1/2	- 35 3/4	- 36 3/4	- 36 1/4	- 36 1/4
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May	- 37 1/2	- 37 3/4	- 38 3/4	- 38 1/4	- 38 1/4
June	- 38 1/2	- 38 3/4	- 39 3/4	- 39 1/4	- 39 1/4
July	- 39 1/2	- 39 3/4	- 40 3/4	- 40 1/4	- 40 1/4
Aug.	- 40 1/2	- 40 3/4	- 41 3/4	- 41 1/4	- 41 1/4

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Baled hay 35 cents; two bales of straw 25 cents at the Lyons Hay Market, 639 West Green street—aug. 11-dm

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.
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If you want first class painting, paper hanging, kalsomining, at prices that are right, call on or telephone (now) 616 for W. B. Spence. Residence 1459 Henderson avenue, Riverside Place.—8-d

Go to Chicago via the Wabash Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14th. Only \$8 for the round trip.—6-d

\$9 to Chicago and return via the Wabash, Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14.—8-d

The fare for the trip from Matadi to Stanley Pool on the new Congo railway is \$70, though the time is only 20 hours.

Go to Chicago via Illinois Central railroad Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. Two dollars round trip. Good on train leaving Decatur at 8:45 a. m. train of Saturday and regular trains thereafter to Diamond Special of Sunday a. m.—6-d

Richard F. Jones of this city has been granted an increase of pension through the agency of M. Bica.

About one month ago my child, which is 15 months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy. C. L. Rogers, Stumptown, Gilmer co., W. Va. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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ANXIOUS FOR SUCCESS.

Grocers Will Make Their Picnic a Long to be Remembered Event.

At a meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association last evening the final arrangements for the grocers' picnic was made. The picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 31. The place of holding the picnic has not yet been decided upon, but it will be at one of the city parks. The committees appointed to make a canvass of the grocery houses of the city and ascertain the opinion of the grocers generally regarding the picnic reported that all the grocers of the city were heartily in favor of the plan. It was also decided to invite the butchers, bakers and all the merchants of the city to participate in the picnic and make the day a general holiday. The grocers are very anxious that the picnic be a success and will spare no efforts to make the day a memorable one. There will be athletic contests and other entertaining features and a band will be employed for the occasion. The following committees were appointed and will report at the meeting on Thursday night of next week:

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Baled hay 35 cents; two bales of straw 25 cents at the Lyons Hay Market, 639 West Green street—aug. 11-dm

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.
Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates. mch22-1f

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor. -1-dm

Denz—the Leading Tailor.—aprd-1f

Don't miss it. Wabash R. R. excursion to Niagara Falls, Wednesday, August 17. Particulars at City or Depot ticket offices.—4-d

Go to Chicago via I. C. R. R., Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. \$8 round trip. Fastest and finest trains. Tickets on sale at city office Friday night.—5-d

If you want first class painting, paper hanging, kalsomining, at prices that are right, call on or telephone (now) 616 for W. B. Spence. Residence 1459 Henderson avenue, Riverside Place.—8-d

Go to Chicago via the Wabash Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14th. Only \$8 for the round trip.—6-d

\$9 to Chicago and return via the Wabash, Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14.—8-d

The fare for the trip from Matadi to Stanley Pool on the new Congo railway is \$70, though the time is only 20 hours.

Go to Chicago via Illinois Central railroad Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. Two dollars round trip. Good on train leaving Decatur at 8:45 a. m. train of Saturday and regular trains thereafter to Diamond Special of Sunday a. m.—6-d

Richard F. Jones of this city has been granted an increase of pension through the agency of M. Bica.

About one month ago my child, which is 15 months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy. C. L. Rogers, Stumptown, Gilmer co., W. Va. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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The above cut represents an 18 size, Silverine, screw bevel case, stem wind and pendant set, with U. S. Battleship, Maine, inscribed on the back on gold, fitted with a 17 jewel, Adjusted, Patent Regulator, Elgin or Waltham movement, and fully guaranteed. **\$9.75**

Remember this store is headquarters for Cuban and American Flags, Military Waist Sets, and Military Belt Buckles.

Also the largest variety of Patriotic Goods in the city, the cleanest and best finished.

Look this line over before making your purchases.

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Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET, - - DECATUR, ILL.

A Pleasant Customer Is the Best Advertisement.

We make a specialty of that kind. Those who buy the Hanan Shoe of us are always pleased. We want a lot more people to find out about this great line of shoes. They are made for Ladies and Gentlemen and are without doubt

The Best on Earth.

COME AROUND AND GET PLEASSED.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.,

148 EAST MAIN STREET.

YOU

Should Attend the
Decatur Race Meeting
AUGUST 23, 24, 25 and 26.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY.

2:35 Class Pace.....\$400.00
2:35 Class Trot.....400 00
2:12 Class Pace.....500.00

WEDNESDAY.

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2:33 Class Pace.....400.00
2:16 Class Trot.....500 00

THURSDAY.

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FRIDAY.

2:19 Class Pace.....\$500.00
2:21 Class Trot.....400.00
Free for All Pace.....500 00

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 15.

B. Z. TAYLOR, President. G. A. KELLER, Secretary.

GREAT ..POCKET BOOK.. SALE.

Immense New Stock,
New Styles,
Popular Prices.
See Our Window Display.

WEST'S DRUG STORE.

Lincoln Square.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.
Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar
Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-24
Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 628, new phone, Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—6-44
Do not miss this. Chicago and return via the Wabash for \$2, Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 14. See flyers giving time of trains.—6-44
Economy copying pads, pad boxes and office supplies at
L. Chodas's News House.
Wanted—A good girl for general housework. Apply at opera house drug store.—27-44
Call at the Wabash City or Depot offices Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 14 and buy a \$2 excursion ticket.—6-44
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What you have all waited for Chicago and return via the Wabash for \$2, Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 14. Free reclining chair cars.—6-44
\$2 excursion to Chicago on August 18 and 14 over Illinois Central railroad. Tickets good going on 6 45 a. m. train, 8:55 p. m. train of Saturday, August 18 and Diamond Special of Sunday a. m.—5-44
On August 15 the Illinois Central will run an excursion to Niagara Falls for \$8.50.—30-44
Something useful—ask your merchant for the Boonie Umbrella name holder.—10-44
Inspect the Chickering and Paokard pianos. They can be seen at the O. B. Prescott music house. Prices low and terms easy.
Grand concert next Sunday at Turner Park rendered by the Goodman Band, under the auspices of the Decatur Turn Verein. Concert begins at 8 o'clock and continues till 10 p. m. Admission 10 cents. During the afternoon the active class of the Turn Verein will give an exhibition. Everybody should attend.—10-44
Stop dragging yourself with quack nostrum cures. Get a well known pharmacologist remedy that will do the work. Cuticura and cold in the head will not cause suffering if Ely's Cream Balm is used. Druggist will supply 10c trial size or 50c full size. We mail it ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.
Rev. John Raul, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

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STATE FAIR

Begins September 26—Special Features for Each Day.

The Illinois state fair will open on September 26 and close on October 1. Each day of the fair will have its special features. On Monday Children's Day will be observed and 100,000 free tickets have been distributed among the school children of the state.

Tuesday will be old settlers' day. The veterans will be the guests of the state board of agriculture. Each old settler will receive a souvenir badge containing a medallion of Lincoln, surrounded by a wreath of laurel and oak bearing the inscription "81-05." Five thousand of these badges have been ordered.

Wednesday will be governor's day and the chief executive with his staff will visit the fair.

On Thursday the usual crowd is expected, this being the day on which the largest number of people always attend.

Friday the races will be the attraction. Star Pointer will be the leading feature of this performance.

SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSED

The Teachers' Institute Will Open Next Monday Morning

The summer school which has been in session for several weeks past, closes today. The school has been quite successful. The attendance numbering about 45 persons. It was held for the benefit of teachers, students who wanted to prepare for college and others who wished to review studies.

The annual Macon county teachers' institute will open next Monday morning and will continue for a month. It will be in charge of County Superintendent J. G. Koller. It is expected that the attendance this year will be larger than ever before.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The State Meeting Will be Held in Decatur on October 4.

The annual meeting of the State Federation of Labor will be held in this city on October 4. Every labor organization in the state having 100 members or less is entitled to one delegate and a delegate for each additional hundred members. In a circular issued by the state officers it is stated that it has been decided to push to a conclusion the prison labor bill the employers' liability act and the eight hour day law.

FOR THE PEOPLE.

The Best and Cheapest Bottled Beer.

We will deliver bottled beer to any part of the city in cases of two dozen quarts or three dozen pints at the following prices:

Cincinnati Lion Beer—\$2.25.
Pilsener Beer—\$2.30
Favorite Beer—\$3.00
Unstamped Beer—\$1.80.

We have both old and new phones, No. 1. If you wish prompt service and the best and most for your money, buy of us.

DECATUR BREWING COMPANY
—Aug. 12-44

Wabash's Good Showing.

The Wabash makes an exceedingly good showing in gross earnings for the first week in August. The figures are \$5,078.83, an increase of \$18,161.10. Increase in Wabash's gross earnings for the fiscal year thus far, from July 1 to August 7, inclusive, are \$126,737.05. The freight earnings for the first week in this month show a decrease of \$4,000, while the passenger local earnings for the same period show an increase of \$13,808, and through passenger business with an increase of \$6,437. The freight department however, shows an increase, July 1 to August 7, inclusive, of \$45,969, the passenger department for the same period, \$80,814.30. Mr. Crane, general passenger agent of that company, and Mr. Taylor, his assistant, are to be congratulated on the good showing. They say the "Continental Limited" east is the real thing, and has already proven a great success.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

called (Grape-Nuts). It is a delicious appetizing nourishing food drink to take the place of a "tea" sold by grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the fruit-come-out-is free from all injurious properties. (Grape-Nuts) aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children as well as adults can drink it with great benefit. Cost about 1/2 as much as coffee. Prices 15 and 25c.

M'GEE & CO.

Do all kinds of Blacksmithing, Repair Work and Painting
Four New Shops for \$1.00 each. Shop located at the corner of Oakland street and St. Louis avenue. All work guaranteed first class.
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